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SUBJECT:US/NORWEGIAN ENERGY CONSULTATIONS

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1. TAMBURSTUEN AND HIS DELEGATION CONSULTED WITH DOE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS ON MAY 11. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS TAMBURSTUEN ASKED WHETHER THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) WAS OPEN TO NORWEGIAN DRILLING RIGS INCLUDING DRILLING VESSELS. USG OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT THE ATLANTIC OCS IS OPEN TO NORWEGIAN FIRMS UNDER PRESENT POLICY. CONTINUING, THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES "BUY AMERICAN" LEGISLATION. THIS LEGISLATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW WOULD INVITE RETALIATION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS AGAINST EXTENSIVE U.S. OFFSHORE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ABROAD. THE HOUSE PASSED BILL CONTAINS A SECTION 31 WITH AN EXPLICIT "HIRE AMERICAN" PROVISION,
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AS WELL AS A PROVISION ON DOCUMENTATION WHICH MAY BE INTERPRETED IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE THAT VESSELS AND RIGS ENGAGED IN OCS ACTIVITY BE CONSTRUCTED AND REPAIRED IN THE U.S. THE SENATE BILL DOES NOT CONTAIN SUCH A PROVISION. THE ISSUE IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO A HOUSE/SENATE CONFERENCE ON MAY 25. THE DEPARTMENT HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE CONFEREES OPPOSING THE HOUSE PROVISION.

2. REGARDING THE LNG PROJECT, COLUMBIA GAS HAS COMPLETED
SALES CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGC AND HOPES TO FILE
FOR CERTIFICATION WITH THE FERC IN THE NEXT FOUR TO SIX
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